

## POLICY FLASH 2003-23

The rule adds a new contract clause requiring management and operating contractors, when managing Government-owned fleet vehicles, to comply with the goals and requirements of Executive Order 13149. These goals and requirements include increased fuel efficiency in conventionally fueled vehicles, as well as increased use of alternative fueled vehicles, and the increased use of alternative fuels in those vehicles.

DOE, in conjunction with the General Services Administration, and the Office of Management and Budget, helped plan and implement this program and monitors the progress toward goal accomplishment of the other Federal agencies and itself. It is very important that the management and operating contractors operating DOE fleet vehicles comply with these requirements. The clause specified by this rule is a mandatory clause for management and operating contractors with motor vehicle fleet operations. Contracting Officers are strongly encouraged to add the clause at the next fee negotiation following the effective date of the rule. The clause should be included in new management and operating contracts.

Section 403 of the Executive Order also requires the use of environmentally preferable motor vehicle products, i.e., re-refined motor vehicle lubricating oil, recycled engine coolant, and retread tires. These products have already been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency and are included in the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines. Those requirements have already been incorporated in the Federal Acquisition Regulation as part of the Affirmative Procurement Program required by FAR Subpart 23.4.

The Electronic DEAR on the Home Page has been updated to reflect this rule.

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